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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Brown et al.

Serial No. 09/828,494

Filed: April 5, 2001

For: CONFIGURING SYSTEM UNITS

Group Art Unit: 2182
Examiner: Angel L Casiano

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